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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s):	Walke <i>et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 1652
Application No.:	09/915,178	Examiner: R. E. Prouty
Filed:	07/24/01	
Title: Novel Human Thymosin Protein and Polynucleotides Encoding the Same		Atty. Docket No.: LEX-0205-USA

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED MARCH 25, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on March 25, 2004 (Paper No. 0304), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the objections and rejections in Paper No. 0304 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months to and including September 25, 2004 which falls on a Saturday and is therefore extended until September 27, 2004 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.